

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected only under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 8 and 9 of copending application No. 09/637,497. A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 are now believed to be patentable.

The Examiner objected to claims 3 and 4 only on the grounds of being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form to overcome this objection and are also now believed to be patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,  
Applicants contend that this application is in condition for  
allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are  
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene W. Stockman".

Gene W. Stockman  
Registration No. 21,021  
Attorney for Applicant

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR  
1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 370  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
(703) 684-1120  
Date: April 19, 2004